

Tauscher on Her Opposition to President's Veto of Children's Health Care Legislation

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Washington, DC – On September 25, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 976, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 by a vote of 265 to 159 – with 220 Democrats and 45 Republicans voting YES. Then, on September 27, the Senate also passed the bill 67-29 – with 47 Democrats, 18 Republicans, and 2 Independents voting YES.

The President vetoed the bill on October 3, and today the House of Representatives failed to reach the two thirds super majority needed to override the President's veto. Rep. Tauscher voted for both the original legislation and to override the President's veto.

Rep. Tauscher released the following statement.

"Today, a handful of obstructionists in Congress showed just how out of touch they are with Americans' priorities and values. Over the objections of an overwhelming majority of Americans, Governors from both parties, and the majority of Congress, the President has used his veto power to stand between 10 million low-income children and the health care they need and deserve. For a group of people who just a short time ago claimed to be both compassionate and conservative, it's hard to justify the continued reckless spending in Iraq to the tune of \$600 billion, but not investing \$7 billion per year in the health of American children."

Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher

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